



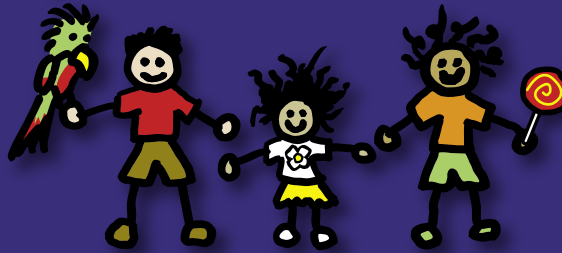
PARTNERS IN Prevention

What's in it for me?

Besides knowing that you have helped shape a child's life and could be the ONE person to make a difference for that child...if you need any more convincing, how about this?

- For every \$1 we invest in prevention (front end), we save \$4 later on treatment (back end) and prevent an unnecessary removal and placement of a child.
- Foster care can be a successful intervention for a child and birth parent facing life's struggles...but we can also address issues earlier through better education, prevention and treatment.
- Reducing trauma to children...priceless!

Mention Prevention



You can contact Partners in Prevention using any of the following methods:

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/partnersinprevention.htm>
1-800-232-KIDS (foster parent recruitment)

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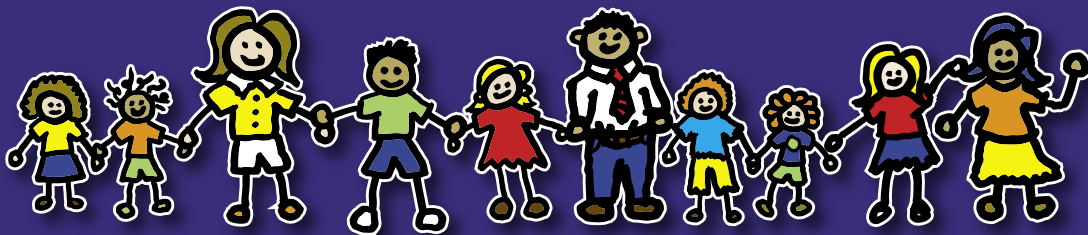
1-800-CHILDREN

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Kentucky's Kids
Need YOU!



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Partners in Prevention

Partners in Prevention is a statewide and community-by-community Call To Action to help prevent the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children. The goal of **Partners in Prevention** is to strengthen families, ensure children are well cared for and to prepare our youth for adult success. When we attain this goal, our success will shine bright in each child in Kentucky and in each community across the Commonwealth.

Kentucky needs strong communities working together in their efforts towards providing services for child and family well-being. Ensuring every child is with a permanent family and helping both children and their families reach their highest potential takes all of us working together.

Partners in Prevention strategies are innovative, community-based, family and child-centered, integrative between agencies, consistently collaborative, supported by evidence, strength-centered with blended funding. These strategies are most successful when the flexibility and the government spending is provided at the initial assessment to allow for immediate availability to services designed to treat the "sickness" before it grows worse—moving from a "sickness model" to a "wellness model" for human services.



Community Involvement We Need YOU!

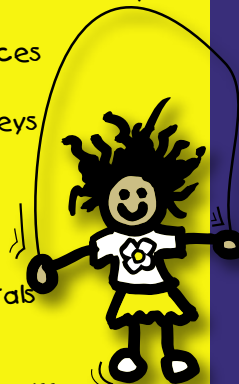
Programs are already in place in many communities throughout the Commonwealth...some of them have names with which you might be familiar:

- Community Stakeholders
- Family Mentors/Family Advocacy Program
- Family Preservation and Diversion Programs
- Family Team Meetings
- Family-To-Family
- Race, Community and Child Welfare Initiatives
- Regional Community and Child Welfare Networks (CPPC and CCC)
- Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START)
- Targeted Assessment Program (TAP)
- Primary Prevention Activities

The children and families in your community need you! **Partners in Prevention** rely on community partners such as:

- Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Colleges and Universities
- Commonwealth and County Attorneys
- Community Action Agencies
- Concerned Citizens
- Foster and Adoptive Parents
- Head Start
- Medical Community including hospitals and health departments
- Houses of Worship
- Law Enforcement (KSP, local and sheriff)
- Local, Regional and Statewide Businesses
- Local, Regional and Statewide Non-Profit organizations
- Media
- Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
- Schools and Family Resource/Youth Service Centers

Partnerships representing all segments of communities are working together to help prevent abuse and neglect, respond quickly and effectively when it does occur and reduce the re-occurrence of child maltreatment through tailored family interventions.



Why Should You Get Involved?

The anticipated results of **Partners in Prevention** include the following:

- Decreased family risks and improved protective capacity through prompt, integrated services when faced with challenges such as substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty and homelessness, mental health issues and criminality.
- Decreased number of children in out-of-home care.
- Decreased referrals to child welfare, especially among over-represented populations.
- Early and rigorous intervention when family abuse and neglect is identified.
- Equal treatment and community opportunities for families of all races and cultures.
- Fiscal and family outcomes superior to current outcomes.
- Improved coordination of prevention efforts statewide.
- Prompt access for families to needed resources through blended and flexible funds.

...but the most important reason you should be involved is because the children and families in your community **NEED YOU!**

You can be involved by:

- becoming a foster or adoptive parent
- mentoring a youth
- providing peer support to birth parents
- providing a needed "break" to a parent
- reaching out to children and youth in your school, community or place of worship
- supporting a child or youth with necessary school supplies
- volunteering at a local agency serving children
- volunteering for any of the programs mentioned in this brochure
- writing a guest editorial for your local newspaper on the positive impact just one person can have on a child's life

